



Biscayne Camping Program School Visits

Grades

Fifth and Sixth grade students

Group Size

Maximum - 25 students plus teachers and chaperons

Minimum - 15 students plus teachers and chaperons

Program Dates

January 6 - March 25, 2004

Workshop Dates

December 6-7, 2003

Rain Date December 13-14, 2003

Park's Responsibility

Biscayne National Park provides program guidance, a ranger to lead or assist with activities, boat transportation to the island, tents and the site with associated facilities.

School's Responsibility

Schools provide their own transportation to the park's Dante Fascell Visitor Center, food and one chaperon per five students.

Workshop Requirement

An overnight workshop is offered to familiarize new teachers with program opportunities, logistics and safety considerations. Continuing education credit is available. All new teachers or those who have not participated in the camping program in the last two years are required to attend the workshop.

An Outdoor Adventure

Elliott Key is an outstanding outdoor classroom, providing numerous opportunities to experience and observe nature first-hand. Radios, electronic games, cell phones, beepers, or any other diversions that might detract from this experience must be left home.

Once part of a coral reef, now a barrier island, Elliott Key is located seven miles from the mainland of Biscayne National Park. The campsite has a view of Biscayne Bay and is surrounded by a tropical hardwood hammock. Facilities on the island include: picnic tables with a shelter, barbecue grills, a campfire circle, bathrooms and a classroom. Freshwater is available on Elliott Key. There are ranger residences located adjacent to the campsites.

Camps are three days in length, running from Monday through Wednesday and Wednesday through Friday. Exploration areas for students include a nature trail through the hardwood hammock, a boardwalk along the ocean and a wading area in the shallow grassy waters of the bay. Harbor jetties and one dock provide places for fish observations and sunrise/sunset activities.



Biscayne Camping Trip Reservation Form 2004

All camping and workshop reservations must be made *by mail* using copies of the form below. Forms received first in our office will be given their first choice of dates. No personal deliveries, faxes, or telephone reservations will be accepted. A confirmation letter for your trip and workshop selection will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Mail the completed copy to:

Biscayne National Park, Education Office, 9700 SW 328 Street, Homestead, Florida 33033

Teacher Information

Teachers Name _____

Assistant's Name (optional) _____

School Information

School Name _____

School Phone _____ Best Time to Call _____

School Fax _____

After Hours Contact Phone _____

Email Address _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

County _____

Total # of Students _____ Grade of Students _____ Total # of Adults _____

Children with Special Needs _____

Select Date From Available Program Dates

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

Will you accept any available date? _____

Do you want to be put on the waiting list if all dates are filled? _____

Workshop Registration

Is the teacher workshop qualified? Yes No

Date of last workshop attended _____

Is assistant (optional) workshop qualified? Yes No

If no, would assistant like to attend workshop? Yes No